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# **President's Message**

This is an <u>election year for Officers and Governors</u>. Please see the nomination form accompanying this newsletter. **Deadline to receive nominations is May 12, 2017**.

By the time you read this, the 2017 Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA) Convention will have come and gone. Let's hope that our members that could attend enjoyed it.

Are you planning to attend the RCNA convention this summer? It is to be held this year at the Hotel Mortagne, Boucherville, QC, and is hosted by l'Association des numismates et philathelistes de Boucherville, I hope you'll include attending our meeting in your plans. The program of activities can be found at www.rcna.ca/2017. A family wedding to be held in Québec City on Saturday afternoon will shorten my attendance to the convention but I hope to be able to chair our meeting before I leave Boucherville. Alternatively, our Vice-President, James Williston, along with our Auctioneer Al Munro, will make sure your breakfast meeting will be enjoyable. It is still time to go through your collections and decide what you would like to submit for the



auction that we run each year at the occasion of our CAWMC Breakfast-AGM, on Saturday July 22. I would like to invite you to consign with us the material that you wish to sell. CAWMC will keep 20% of the sale as commission; unless you wish to donate all proceeds to our organization. It's your call! Should you plan to consign something special or material, please let Al Munro, our Auctioneer, or myself, know in advance, as we'll gratuitously advertise it in the June and July newsletters, in time for the auction. We will also auction some lots that were not auctioned off last year, due to time constraints.

Thank you to all who submitted designs for our not-so-official Canada 150 contest. The winning design will be revealed in July at the convention.

Should you work on your collection, before heading up to the great outdoors for the summer, and rediscover a wood that you really liked, and that you had almost forgotten, or one that reminds you of an event of a good story, write us a line, we would love to hear from you! You can reach me at France D. Waychison, P.O. Box 466, Timmins ON P4N 7E3 or at france@waychison.com.

Keep well,

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The C.A.W.M.C. was founded on January 1st, 1975, by Garry Braunwarth (C-1) (pictured below) and Victor B. Hall (C-2) in Calgary, Alberta. In addition to the founders, these are the 43 other original charter members.

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Garry Braunwarth >>>



# RCNA 2016 / Ross Kingdon

Free Wood of the Month of May 2017 reported by Ross Kingdon



I had this 45mm wood (5675-145) made by James Williston of Calgary's Canada Wide Woods (CWW). When he bought the business he automatically inherited one of my old name dies so I had him use it. I asked him to come up with a tulip design, since Ottawa is well-known for its tulips, and to make it so some colour could be added. He did and, as well, used the same design on his own wood for Ottawa.

There were 150 woods made. I hand-coloured all 150 woods with fineliner brush pens, a very time-consuming tedious process. Fifty of the woods had the tulips coloured red. I distributed all the "red tulip" woods at the RCNA convention last summer (2016).

The other 100, which will be the free featured wood for May 2017, have all the tulips coloured yellow. All the other colours on the wood remained the same as the red tulip woods. Those members who received one at the convention will now get one with the tulips a different colour (yellow).

Norm Belsten and I decided in Ottawa last summer to give the wood only one catalogue number regardless of the different tulip colours. We just gave the colour of the coloured side "Multi" and left it at that, for all 150 woods. We just decided to keep the listing simple.



Featured Woods: (note: if we receive a donation of a NEW wood, we will insert it and push the schedule out

- June 2017— Canada 150 wood with both sides original designs (from Judy Blackman)
- July 2017- Timmins C. C. / Canada 150th Anniversary (from France Waychison, made by CWW-James Williston)
- August 2017 Sovereign Coin Shop / Appraisals Consignments Hamilton (1,000 made 2012) from Al
- West Edmonton Coin & Stamp September 2017 (8300-137) or new wood
- October 2017—Trump wood (from Jim Smith, woodencoin.com) same month as Columbus Day
- West Edmonton Coin & Stamp November 2017 (8300-133) or new wood
- West Edmonton Coin & Stamp January 2018 (8300-132)
- West Edmonton Coin & Stamp May 2018 (8300-138)
- West Edmonton Coin & Stamp August 2018 (8300-134) this is the last wood in the 8-wood series
- Woods to be advised for February, March, April, June, July, September, October, November and December 2018. Donations welcomed!

# TIMBER TALK

History of CAWMC

Timber Talk

Newsletter

Editors

Jan. 1975 — Sept. 1979 Garry Braunwarth

Oct. 1979 — July 1981 Stan Clute

Aug. 1981 — July 1983 Albert Kasman

Aug. 1983 — Oct. 1992 Garry Braunwarth

Nov. 1992 — Dec. 1994 Lou Vesh

Jan. 1995 — Aug. 2008 Ross Kingdon (14 years!!!)



Above is a Dan Gosling photo of Ross Kingdon

Sept. 2008 — Dec. 2009 Tony Hine

Jan. 2010 — Aug. 2010 Norm Belsten

Sept. 2010 — Current Judy Blackman, F.O.N.A.



## **Token Talk With Duff Malkin**

These two articles are reprinted in this issue of Timber Talk with consent of Duff Malkin and of The North Shore Numismatic Society. Both articles were published August 2015 in the column *Token Talk With Duff Malkin* which appears in the Society's on-line publication *Full Stream*.

#### Medicine Man Charlie's Wooden Nickel

What can give me a good buzz is the discovery of something I did not know about and which is somewhat unusual and I did not expect to see. This following wooden nickel is one such item. It is quite thick for a wooden nickel (7mm or about ¼ of an inch, which may have been more relevant in Canada's pre-metric days).

Ranier Provisions is in Gastown at 2 West Cordova. It is a licensed restaurant. I am not sure whether it is the "Rainier of Gastown" referred to on the token, but it might be and it might be where the issuing "Ranier" is. It may also refer to the Ranier Hotel at 309 Carrall Street. The former may be part of the latter for the streets do meet in Gastown.

In 1973 the Evening Independent newspaper (May 15th), of St. Petersburg, Florida, had an article about Gastown which stated "Then there's Casanova, an Italian restaurant, the Barkerville Inn specializing in Old World Chinese cuisine, le coq au vin, la crepe bretonne or la creperie for food in the French flavor, or Medicine Man Charlie's where you can try braised short ribs or beef on noodles while reliving the wild and woolly frontier days of old Vancouver."

The Ubyssey of October 27th, 1972 also has a side reference to the place stating that "Block-long line-ups in front of places like the Body Shop, Medicine Man Charlie's, Sneaky Pete's, and the Town Pump are becoming common occurrences Friday and Saturday nights." This operation was also on Carroll Street. It was noted as a place where local bands played or were in attendance, like The Collectors, who later became Chilliwack.

"I first heard AI play at Medicine Man Charlie's on Carroll St in the mid '70's with AI Wold. The drumming was ferocious and sensitive at the same time. From my seat I could not see the drummer's face because of the vertical ride symbol (the edge pointing to the ceiling). When he stood up I saw he had no hair! My first audio and visual impression of AI Wiertz... I enjoyed and learned from his playing over the years especially seeing him with Bob Murphy, Dale Jacobs and Joni Taylor in the Carmen Cadillac when Miles Davis 'opened' for them at the QE"

A photo of the band playing apparently there can be found at http://www.vancouverjazz.com/forums/showthread.php?t=363. I cannot remember the place and I have no idea if there was such as a cigar store Indian related to it. Gastown, as a name for the downtown region, may have been used for decades but it was only in the very late 1960's and 1970's when it came to be what it is. Whether either institution had a cigar store Indian in front of it, I know not, but it might have been supposed to relate to BC's western history or it may be that the Indian, as in the case of many wooden nickels, was a rather stock character.



Although the wood image in the Norm's catalogue is very faint and aged, it matches this wood.

Therefore this wood is #9800-038 and is 45mm, but the year of issue is unknown.

# **Larry's Dream Comes True!**

Your Editor received a letter from Larry White on March 16, 2017. It reads:

"I wish to thank the following members of CAWMC, IOWMC, PENN-OHIO WOODEN MON-EY COLLECTOR, ONA, who have helped me complete my sets of the following woods — with your help, I now have a complete set of Prince George Spruce Dollars, TWO sets of Greater New Bedford woods, and I also have a complete set of the Fishbowl woods. I am proud to be a member of these great wood clubs and their great help in completing my sets and again you all have my great thanks for everyone's help to find all the woods. I wish I could display these great sets of woods for everyone to see and enjoy. I sure miss going to the coin shows and conventions to see my friends and wood collectors. Sorry about my writing, my hand are not the best but I do the best I can to keep in contact. I have one more set that I am very proud to have a complete set and that is the Glen Listra hand-painted set of his whooping crane woods — once you see these woods, you will not forget them. I wish the best to all my wood friends. The best of luck in finding that one wood that you need to fill that hole in your collection. God be with you and the best of luck collecting. Thanks,"

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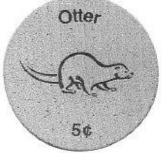
We miss seeing Larry out and about too, and appreciate that folks like Robert Gabriel and Robert Fritsch have visited Larry at his home, as Larry's medical condition now limits his mobility. We are very happy that we could help him meet his dream of completing these sets! Also thank you to the two "Bobs" for helping your Editor understand what Fishbowl woods are:

On August 6th, 2016, the Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club held its annual show, and at the same time continued its year celebrating the Club's 50th anniversary since founding. The membership includes coin collectors from northwestern Wisconsin and northeastern Minnesota. Spooner was the home of Arrowhead Coin Club meetings commencing 1966, while the Amery Coin Club was meeting (obviously in Amery). For 6 years the two clubs issued wooden nickels and co-hosted annual coin shows, with the woods commemorating the shows. From 1970-1973 Arrowhead continued this trend on its own, and what happened to Amery is not documented. In 1974 Arrowhead having relocated to Siren, changed the club's name to the Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club. The Club continues to issue wooden nickels each year (1966-2017), and is likely to do so going forward. The coin club founded in Frederic in 1969 issues woods (1969-1976) and then later in 1976 it was absorbed into the Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club.

The Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Siren Senior Center (23943 State Road 35, Siren, Wisconsin). The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with traders and at 7 p.m. for business. A meal is served at every meeting. For more information, contact Joe Moliter (773) 835-3212. The Club does not have a website, nor an official e-mail address.

Any leftovers Fishbowl woods are available to the U.S. public for 50 cents plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Orders should be sent to Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club c/o Gary Schauls, 2702 150th St., Luck, Wisconsin, 54853-3811 U.S.A. or telephone (715) 472-2002. Typically 1,000 woods were made to promote the show, issue at the show, and sell after the show. Some examples of the most recent issues are below.

The Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club issued a wooden nickel to coincide with its annual coin show held Aug. 4th, 2012, at the Siren Senior Center. The wood features a snowshoe hare on the obverse and an outline of the state of Wisconsin on the reverse. Ink on both sides of the wood is black.



The 2010 wood issued for the Aug. 7th coin show, features a simple otter design on the obverse, and the standard club logo (state of Wisconsin map) on the reverse. The map has a dot to signify the location of Siren on the map. The reverse also shows the date and the club as the issuer. Black ink is used for both sides.











The 2009 wood issued for the Aug. 1st coin show, features a cougar on the reverse. Again the same map (with dot) on the reverse with the date and issuing club. Black ink was used for both sides. The 2014 wood featured the Woodland bison. Again, the same reverse with the year and issuer. The 2016 wooden nickel features a Walleye with 50th Anniversary arched above. Traditional reverse but with double date to represent the 50 years. Both sides are printed in black ink.

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### **Token Talk With Duff Malkin**

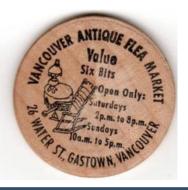
#### The Vancouver Antique Flea Market

The Vancouver Antique Flea Market at 24 Water Street on the ground level of the Grand Hotel also issued an "admits two" tokens along with this wood in 1969 and an "admits two" token in 1970.

I do recollect going down there once and seeing a vertical pile of these woods and they were very dirty. Knowing that tokens and woods were numismatic, I started to try and get one but was discouraged by other members of my family who were there too (and saw nothing that they wanted).

I am not sure how the tokens were distributed but it was not hard to get two for one and such like tickets in Gastown. For some years the wax museum there had people handing them out. As far as I can recollect it did not last very long, possibly because it was only open on weekends, as stated on the piece. I can recall going by it when it was not open. It was listed as "Western Canada's first and only antique and art market place" with 21 antique dealers and 8 artists in the Chilliwack Progress of May 21st, 1969. The Vancouver City Council minutes of January 13th, 1970, mention a desire expressed by the market to issue a memorial token to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Gastown. So far as I know none were ever minted, but all of this would seem to indicate that there was someone with a numismatic bent involved with the market. In order to fit customs rules woods made in the United States have to (and usually do bear) a marking to indicate such.





Norm's catalogue lists this 38mm wood twice.

#9800-001A is as shown here in Duff's wood, and #9800-001B is the same except the Saturdays and hours has been scratched out, indicating the wood was only for use on Sunday, or the market was no longer open on Saturdays. The year of issue is unknown.

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# **Editor's Challenge**

Judy Blackman, our Editor, would like to invite CAWMC members to bring in new members. Each CAWMC member bringing one (1) new member will receive a prize. If the same CAWMC member refers three (3) or more members, this person will receive a special prize. If one of the new member pays two (2) years (or more) dues up front, the referring member will receive an additional reward. This challenge is in place July 2016 running through the end of June 2017. All prizes are graciously provided by our Editor.



CAWMC members have to ensure that the new member(s) confirm who referred them to CAWMC, and that Judy is informed so that she can promptly send the rewards to the referring CAWMC member(s).

#### John Gives Back To CAWMC

On March 29, 2017, Al Munro sent CAWMC members a special opportunity from John Regitko, with detailed pictures included over 5 pages, hence only a summary is printed here.

Set of 33 different monetary wooden tokens issued at the 2015 Error & Varieties convention (12 rounds and 20 flats) for a total \$20 CAD (shipping included). Set of 15 plastic tokens and 8 casino-style chips for a total 23 items for \$10 (shipping included when purchased with the set of 33 woods). Additional convention souvenirs of 200+ items (most denominated) consisting of colour convention paper notes, humorous informational chits, and much more, for \$5. Send money order or cheque (payable to John Regitko) to John Regitko, 147-4936 Yonge St., North York, ON. M2K 2T6.For more information, contact John at coinman@look.ca or call (416) 407-4122 (10a.m. to 10p.m.).

You can also purchase from John at the Ontario Numismatic Convention, or see him at the North York Coin Club, Waterloo Coin Society, and the South Wellington Numismatic Society meetings and you can save \$3.50 (i.e. \$16.50 + \$10 + \$5, instead of \$20 + \$10 + \$5).

Thank you to John who has agreed to donate \$2 for each wood set of 33 purchased, and \$1 per each plastic / casino set of 23 purchase, with a minimum guarantee to the























#### **Steam Whistle Woods**

by Ross Kingdon

[Strange story: Your Editor showed no record of receiving this article previously. Then on March 23, 2017, an e-mail from February 23, 2016, came through from Ross Kingdon, that had been hung up on the Yahoo server for over a year!]

I recently (i.e. winter 2016) added three 'Steam Whistle' woods to my collection. I acquired them in somewhat of a round about way, thanks to my son, daughter-in-law and Dave and Carolyn Gillespie. I was given the 38mm 'Pretzel' wood by my son and daughter-in-law. They had received it while attending the Steam Whistle restaurant in downtown Toronto near the CN tower. They are in Toronto a lot as they both work in downtown Toronto.

I was showing this wood, just before Christmas (2015), to the guys at one of our CAWMC- Southern-Ontario Chapter monthly meetings. Of course, I had only the one 'Pretzel' wood but everyone would like to get one. It just so happens, that Dave and Carolyn Gillespie frequent that area of Toronto, once in a while, when they attend a Toronto Maple Leaf hockey game or a Toronto Rock lacrosse game. Recently, they made a point of stopping by the restaurant to see if they could get one of the 'Pretzel' woods, as well. They were given the 38mm 'Bottle' wood and the restaurant receptionist thought that they also had another wood of which she was aware. She searched for and gave them the much larger 50mm 'Beer Glass' Steam Whistle wood. I'm still not sure whether Dave actually got the 'Pretzel' wood. Dave was able to get extra of the two 'Bottle' and 'Beer Glass' woods. He has since given one of each to me.



We know therefore, that there are at least three Steam Whistle woods. Maybe there are even more. We'll have to investigate. As previously state, the 'Pretzel' and 'Bottle' woods are both 38mm in diameter and blue on both sides. The foam image on the obverse is a grayish colour. The 'Beer Glass' wood has the same colours but is 50mm in diameter. The woods are shown here.

The restaurant motto is *Drink Steam Whistle Canada's Premium Pilsner*, *Do One Thing Really, Really Well.* The image on the wood matches the Pilsner bottle below.

The restaurant is located in the historic John St. Roundhouse (just south of the CN Tower) which had functioned as a Canadian Pacific Rail steam locomotive repair facility when built in 1929 servicing steam locomotives that helped pioneer this nation. Hence the restaurant



and beer (which is brewed on-site in the craft beer brewery) honours that history. Steam Whistle also has playful wooden whistles and wooden boxes too.









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# Sambo's Coffee Chips Collection—SOLD

by Robert Gabriel

A seller in Vancouver, Washington (eBay seller: **john316antiques** sold this Sambo's collection on eBay ending 10/25/2016 for the price of \$501.72. It carried a starting price of \$384.75 with 2 bidders placing 5 bids. When the hammer came down it cost the lucky winner \$526.37. The item had the following description: SAMBO'S RESTAURANTS COFFEE CHIPS 1,121 WOODEN NICKELS LIFETIME COLLECTION, and an extended description that read:

CHECK OUT THIS GREAT COLLECTION OF 1,121 SAMBO'S WOODEN NICKELS AND COMPILED DIRECTORY! THIS WAS A GREAT ESTATE SALE FIND. THE GENTLEMAN TOOK GREAT CARE TO COLLECT, STORE AND ORGANIZE THESE, AND EVEN WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF TYPING OUT AND ORGANIZING A DIRECTORY OF SAMBO'S RESTAURANTS ALL OVER THE USA WITH TABS SHOWING THE RESTAURANTS IN EACH STATE (LITTLE BROWN BOOKLET LABELED 'SAMBO LISTING'). THERE ARE 3 BINDERS FILLED WITH POCKET PAGES OF WOODEN NICKELS. THERE IS ALSO A CIGAR BOX FILLED WITH WOODEN NICKELS (A FEW OF THESE ARE INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED WITH HANDWRITTEN DETAILS SUCH AS WHERE THEY ARE FROM ETC). WOW! EACH BINDER IS APPROX. 11" X 11.5" X 3" AND APPROX. 5 LBS. THE CIGAR BOX OF WOODEN NICKELS MEASURES 8.25" X 5.75" X 2.5" AND WEIGHS 1 LB 6.8 OZ. THE DIRECTORY MEASURES 9" X 6.5" X .75" AND WEIGHS 12.8 OZ. YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED! SHIPPING INCLUDES STANDARD POST, INSURANCE AND TRACKING for \$24.65 via USPS \$24.65 Standard Shipping

Two questions were answered during the auction (Oct. 23-24, 2016) as shown below:

- ⇒ Was the estate from Vancouver, Washington? Are most of the chips from Washington and Oregon?
  - ⇒ It was Portland, Oregon and there are wooden nickels from all over the US, the gentleman said goal was to have one from every Sambos by state. It is an amazing lifetime collection. The address book is really something to all hand-written by state. Sorry I did not list them all, it just would have taken too long. Trust me, you will not be disappointed.
- $\Rightarrow$  How many pages of 30 are there?
  - There are about 36 or 37 pages but a few are partial pages... and about 155 loose or in individual holders. What I do know is that there are 1,121 wooden nickels. This was a collection purchased at an estate and none were removed from it. It comes just as it was purchased...

Bob notes: 2016 has shown a resurgence of Sambo's wooden nickel collecting with IOWMC member Bill Bighause (MT) carrying the torch forward and keeping Sambo's alive – thanks Bill! Bob also published this in the Nashua Coin Club (NH) newsletter.







#### **North York Coin Club Woods**

by David Bawcutt [with assistance of Norm Belsten]

There was a notice sent out to North York Coin Club members that Lucille Colson passed away on January 29, 2017. Lucille was the Club's secretary starting in 1973 and holding that position for 33 years. At the Club's 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting on February 28, 2017 John Regitko brought some of Lucille's keepsakes to the meeting and talked to the members about the items. There were club pictures, her convention medals and Club woods. These items will now go into the Club Archives. At the meeting Norm Belsten donated a set of 18 Club woods as a donation auction item. I did not know Lucille since I joined the club in 2007 when I was a director for area 7 of the O.N.A. but I thought I would make a list of Club woods and write an article about them.

The first monthly meeting of the North York Coin Club was on February 22, 1960 at the viewing room of the North York Library 5126 Yonge St. with President John K. Curtis, Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth Bunnett, one of the directors was Mrs. Louise Graham and the librarian was Harvey Farrow. In attendance at the first meeting there were 22 guests of which 13 became members plus there were 13 chartered members. The first annual Show and Banquet was on March 4, 1961 and Mrs. Louise Graham became a Club Honourary Life member. The Club emblem designed by Kenneth Bunnett showing the central allegorical figure from the obverse of the 1822 Lesslie & Sons two pence currency token, legend read "NORTH YORK COIN CLUB" around the top and "EST. 1960" at the base. The Club emblem was obverse design of their first medal released at their banquet in 1962 with a mintage of 100 bronze, 20 silver and 14 gold filled. Their membership was steadily increasing so they moved to the North York Memorial Community Hall 5090 Yonge Street for their August 1961 meeting.

The North York Coin Club issued their first anniversary woods for their 25th anniversary in 1985. There were two woods with a quantity of 100 each. They had a common obverse in silver and one reverse was in blue with "1960 1985" in the centre of the wood and the other was in red with "Banquet March 9 1985". At the December 11, 1986 dinner/ meeting everyone who attended received a free 300th meeting wood. The obverse colour was red with a green reverse and the quantity issued was 300. There was a wood produced for their 30th anniversary dinner on April 7, 1990. Its catalogue number is 5908-076, a quantity of 100, obverse in red and reverse in brown. The 400th meeting was on October 24th 1995 with President Ron Zelk. There were 25 members and 3 guests at this meeting who all received the wood and a 35th banquet ribbon from June 24, 1995. The obverse colour was blue, the reverse colour was red and the quantity was 100 issued. The 45th anniversary wood was given out free to the 24 members and 3 guests in attendance at the February 22, 2005 meeting with President Bob Wilson. It was 1.5" in diameter, blue colour both sides, designed by Norm Belsten and Roger Fox and stamped by Norm in a quantity of 250. The 500th meeting was their Christmas party on December 14, 2014 and Swiss Chalet chicken was delivered to the Edithvale Community Centre to be enjoyed by all. I already reported on the 50th anniversary wood issued in 2010 and it can be found in the May 2010 issue of Timber Talk. The most recent Club wood was for the 600th monthly meeting on May 27, 2014 with President Bill O'Brien giving out a free wood to the 28 members and 5 guests in attendance. The woods were stamped blue in colour two sides with a quantity of 100 made.













Left Obv.:

Common in design for the 25th anniversary, 300th meeting, and 400th meeting / 35th anniversary.

Right Obv.:

Common for the 500th and 600th meetings.

The Club has hosted five O.N.A. conventions with the first one being the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention May 15-16, 1976 at the Westbury Hotel in Toronto. The Club's first woods were a set of three for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual convention March 12-14, 1982. These woods were 50 mm in diameter, all woods were common except for the colour, one was black two sides, one was red two sides and one was blue two sides and all had a quantity of 300. For the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual ONA Convention on April 24-26, 1987 at the Westbury Hotel there was a wood issued blue two sides. The Club hosted the 1994 32<sup>nd</sup> convention April 22-24, 1994 at the Holiday Inn in North York and issued a wood with the design of the Gibson House on the reverse, printed black over blue, 45 mm in diameter and a quantity of 200. The first flats were issued for "Good for Daily Admission to the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. The three flats all had the same wording but the first one was made of dark cherry, printed blue 1 side, a quantity of 100 and only available in the registration kit, the second one was the same as the first one but made of maple, a quantity of 300 and good for Saturday only, the third one was made of maple, a quantity of 100, gold printed and good for Sunday only. There was also a 38mm diameter promo wood issued in 1999 and a Club 45mm diameter wood issued for this show. There was sad news just before the show that Basil Latham had passed away on April 14<sup>th</sup>.



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GOOD FOR
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APRIL 15 - 16, 2000
AT THE HOWARD JOHNSON HOTEL
KEELE ST. AND WILSON AVE,
NORTHYORK, ONT.

1 side wood 50x 85mm 5905-014

The North York Coin Club hosted C.N.A. conventions in 1986 (38 mm round wood made, blue 2 sides and a quantity of 1000) 1991 (38mm wood made, printed blue over purple with a quantity of 200) and 2004 (Promo wood made in 2003) and an R.C.N.A. Convention in 2014. They will also be hosting the 2018 convention.

The North York Coin Club currently meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Edithvale Community Centre with an earlier meeting in the month in December and sometimes a July or August meeting during the summer. The Club issued 4 woods to giveaway at the open house of the new Edithvale Community Centre in 2010 and Club members got a special gold two sided wood for the event. I would like to thank Norm Belsten for supplying scans for this article and I got wood details from his catalogue. Norm has made a PowerPoint presentation of the North York Coin Club woods which is distributed by the O.N.A. I covered most of the Club woods issued in this article but there are also many woods issued by Club members for the same events that I did not include. The North York Coin Club has an archive of all their monthly newsletters at their website http://www.northyorkcoinclub.com/.



Obverse 5906-024



Reverse

# Canada 150 Medals

CAWMC members were invited to pre-order CAWMC / Canada 150 RCNA medals by a February 2017 deadline. Club members showed a positive reception to this opportunity.

As a club member of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA), the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC) announced its participation in the RCNA's Canada 150 Program.

The engraver of the medals, Pressed Metals Products (Vancouver, B.C.) will produce the CAWMC medals using the official CAWMC logo on the obverse, and a special Canada 150 die (made specially for the RCNA) for the reverse. PMP was established in 1929.

The RCNA will be offering CAWMC medals as part of a set of medals depicting other club logos, all with a common Canada 150 reverse.



The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors was proud to give its members the opportunity to buy the CAWMC medal only, at \$10 each, tax and delivery included. The CAWMC medals measure 38mm in diameter and are made of copper.

Members may enjoy watching a PMP video at this link to see how the work is done: http://pressedmetal.ca/about-us/.